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New Books.

THE COMING PEOPLE. By Charles F. Dole. Boston and New York: T. Y. Crowell & Co. Cloth. \$1.

This little book of inspiring optimism is an attempt to show the actual results that are working out in the stress of modern life. It is proved by facts that the ideal and the practical so far from being antagonistic are properly one. Mr. Dole's idea of the manner in which the institutions of "the coming people" ought to be worked out may be gathered from a few selections from Chapter X.

"There are those who think that not only a new and radically different scheme must come in, but that it will come in with pangs, and even possibly the fire and sword, of a revolution. They infer this woeful prediction from the course of history, which has been characterized by frequent revolutions." "Nevertheless, the time certainly ought now to be ripe to do better than permit the terrible cost of social revolution. All history, so far from establishing precedents in favor of revolution, sets up a long series of warnings against the use of this method of attaining human ideals. It is a method that belongs peculiarly to the barbarous period. It always leaves a brood of evils behind. It is like invoking the aid of a fever in order to drive poison out of the body. The disease is attended by a succession of relapses. Even when the health is recovered, sickness is the ignorant way for getting rid of unwholesome or poisonous conditions. Intelligence would have prescribed sanitation and diet, self-denial instead of indulgence, obedience to the obvious laws of health. So in the great body politic. Our vaunted war of Independence would never have been incurred if only a few men on both sides of the sea had known what thousands of men know to-day. We had to fight to kill the slave-power, because we had not enough civilization, not to say Christianity, North and South, to cure the national disease by more intelligent and efficient remedies." "Hate, bitterness, caste, wars, revolutions, torture, innumerable death penalties, were men's childish methods of overcoming evil with evil. The idea of the divine universe sets these coarse and primitive methods aside, like the saurian monsters for which the world has no longer use." "Al-

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ready to the clear vision of intelligence and humanity they are become an anomalous and merely heathenish survival."

HISTORY OF THE HOPEDALE COMMUNITY. By Adin Ballou. Edited by William S. Heywood. Lowell, Mass.: Thompson & Hill.

This book is a history of the founding, maintenance and final giving up of the Social Religious Community at Hopedale, Mass. It is written by the founder of that Community, Adin Ballou. He prepared the manuscript and at the time of his death left special instructions as to its publication. These instructions have been carried out by his son-in-law, Rev. William S. Heywood, through whose care the book has now been given to the public. This history of the Hopedale Community, founded in 1840, will prove of special interest to stu-

dents of sociology. Besides giving the history and inner workings of the Hopedale Community and the reasons for its final abandonment, and disclosing much of the character of the able and profoundly religious man who instituted it, its pages throw much light on the great movement which swept the country in the forties and resulted in the establishment of more than sixty socialistic communities of different types.

"It is estimated by experts that, in a fight between the Indiana and Spain's mighty ship of war, the Pelayo—a very fair match—with five hundred men on each side, each vessel would have about thirty killed and one hundred and twenty wounded in the first twenty minutes. This, of course, would be only the beginning." And yet we talk of going to war to stop inhumanities!